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**In re Application of:**

Prall et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/832,272

**Filed:** April 10, 2001

**For:** INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING  
SELF-ALIGNED CVD-  
TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT  
PLUGS STRAPPED WITH METAL  
INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE

**Examiner:** M. Warren

**Group Art Unit:** 2815

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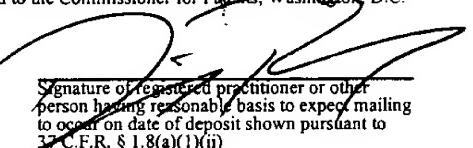
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